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1. Following French bombing of the Ha Nam-Nam Dinh-Ninh Binh area, the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) circulated a rumor to the effect that the projected offensive in this area had been abandoned.\* The 320 Division subsequently withdrew toward Chine and Hoa Binh. As soon as the French were convinced that the offensive had been called off, the 48 Regiment attacked in the Phuly sector and the 34 and 152 Regiments, under command of Dinh Cong Niet, attacked various posts along Route 21 with the mission of planting 200 mines along the highway.
2. DRV regular troop losses amounted to two platoons killed and one company wounded. In addition, DRV guerrilla forces sustained heavy losses at Phuly and Ninh Binh.
3. Following is the current disposition of DRV forces: the 320 Division is withdrawing towards Sontay; the 304 Division is withdrawing towards Phu Nho Quan; the 308 Division is moving from the Dongtrieu area in preparation for an attack on Vinh Yen (C-6).\*\*
4. DRV forces on the Hanoi front have recently been reinforced by the 50 Battalion, under Le Cong Khoa. Munitions for this battalion are expected to arrive from Tuyen Quang on approximately 15 June 1951.

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\*\* Comment. According to available information, the 308 Division was southwest of Nam Dinh, south of the Red River, together with the 304 and 320 Divisions.

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